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LETTER DATED 7 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, having completed their occupation of the Kelbajar district and totally cutting it off, together with the Lachin district, from the rest of Azerbaijan, over the last few days the Republic of Armenia has stepped up its propaganda efforts. In official statements by the leaders of the Republic of Armenia and representatives of the occupational administration of Nagorny Karabakh, appeals have started reappearing for a "halt to the hostilities", "an immediate and unconditional truce" and "the search for a peaceful compromise to solve the Karabakh problem".

The very fact that these appeals are being made in a context of increased military activity carried out simultaneously on several fronts by the Republic of Armenia only reaffirms the unwavering nature of its approach to the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict. The essential aim of this approach, repeatedly promulgated by the highest officials of Armenia, is to use military pressure to win concessions in political and diplomatic areas. It is also evident that the efforts by the Armenian side are confined to the traditional pattern of its anti-Azerbaijani policy: "aggression - defensive propaganda - setting forth extravagant political demands - further aggression".

The thrust of the current propaganda efforts by the authorities of the Republic of Armenia is to divert the attention of the entire world from the fait accompli of the occupation of new Azerbaijani territory and from the plans already being implemented to effect further expansion deep into the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

In this way attempts are being made to disguise the precedent of the overt armed invasion by troops of the Republic of Armenia into the territory of the Azerbaijani Republic, and to create, through propaganda, a favourable atmosphere for continued offensive actions by the army of Armenia in the districts of the Azerbaijani Republic bordering on Karabakh.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan HASSANOV
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